The closing meeting of the Stanton Political Club was held at the Wimodaughsis Thursday evening. Notwithstanding the fact that there was considerable routine work to dispose of it was the most interesting meeting of the year. Immediately after the opening of the meeting the election of officers took place, resulting in a choice of the following: President, Mrs. Catherine C. Farrar; vice president, Miss B. A. Yoder; secretary, Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe; treasurer. Mrs. Josephine Rich.

After the election the report prepared by the committee to be sent to the National Suffrage convention, which meets in Portland, was read. It showed quite an in-crease in the list of members over last

The speakers of the evening were Mr. A. W. Thomas, Mr. George H. Schibley and Prof. Parsons of Harvard College. Each speaker took up a different phase of the initiative and referendum.

Prof. Parsons, who has spent considerable time in Switzerland and other countries of Europe studying the subject, gave some information regarding the effect of the initiative and referendum on party mathematical parts of the initiative and referendum on party mathematics. chinery. At a late hour the meeting ad-

The Columbia Heights Art Club was entertained recently at the home of Mrs. McCoy at Forest Glen. In the absence of the president, Mrs. John Stokes, Mrs. Walhaupter, vice president, called the meeting to order, and assigned Mrs. Schneider

Business concluded, art notes were given by Mrs. Whitail in an interesting subject calling forth expressions from the members of the club who have visited Europe and have been brought face to face with the beautiful statue of the Venus de Milo, the subject of her paper.

Mess Catharine Barlow, member of the lub, portrayed to the large attendance the Passian play of Oberammergau. The meeting adjourned to listen to a very charming recitation given by Mrs. Isabelle Chase out on the lawn. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Short Story Club held a session May 9 with a large audience present. The program was arranged by Mr. H. W. Selah. The music was rendered by the Capital gram was arranged by Mr. H. W. Selah. The music was rendered by the Capital Choral Octet, composed of Mrs. A. G. Dunn, Mrs. G. A. Clark, Miss L. V. French, Miss Bertha Jett, Mr. R. E. Fleharty, Dr. W. Bruce Hoofnagle, Mr. Wm. F. Ellis and Mr. G. A. Clark, with Mr. G. W. Vail planist. They gave "Blue Danube," "Darkey's Cradle Song" and "Fair Shines the Moon." Mr. Donald Freeze, a young planist, gave selections on the plano from Beethoven and ons on the piano from Beethoven and stein. The story of the evening was read by Stephen Conrad Stuntz, who selected a chapter from his recent book. "The Second Mrs. Jim." entitled "John Maree's Children's Day" in a country church, which had been transformed by direction of "John Maree." lately returned from a college, into a tropical garden, with s and palms and a parrot which proved The result is easy to guess. When, in the midst of a small girl's "regitation begon with "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," but in her stage fright run into "Now I lay me down to sleep," ending with "Mary a little-sheep" on account of the ne. The story was delightfully humor-The majesty of Washington was porous. The majesty of Washington was por-trayed in a poem written by an English poet, Mrs. Eliza Cook, which was recited and interpreted by Mr. H. W. Selah. The recitation of Riley's peem, "Out to Old Aunt Mary's," revised and with additions, was given by Miss Bertha F. Wolfe, Mrs. V. Shinn gave personal recollections of war times in Washington, relating scenes and

rhose names becames household words in ley's Opinion of Rudyard Kipling's Poems" was one of the most amusing numbers of the program. Three youthful boys went many years ago a long distance to hear Jenny Lind only to find access imposfor them, and in her private hotel parlor sang "Home, Sweet Home" and other popular airs of the day with the delighted boys as auditors, one of whom was Capt. F. I. as auditors, one of whom was Capt. F. I. Dean, who gave the story in a paper, "Reminiscences of Jenny Lind," read before the club. To the role of poet was added that of prophet in the poem called "The City Beautiful," by Prof. H. C. Kirk, embodying his prophetic vision of the Washington yet to be-the stately city of the fu-

Mr. Henry P. Holden was admitted to membership. A vote of thanks to the con-tributing talent was given and the club ad-

The Columbia Heights Art Club was entertained by Mrs. McCoy in the parlors of Dr. Wright's sanitarium at Linden, Md., last Thursday afternoon.

After the regular order of business Mrs. Clement Whittall read an interesting article upon the discovery of the Venus de The discussion that followed was mainly upon the advisability of restoring the demolished parts of ancient statues. Miss Catherine Brittin Barlow gave an exceedingly interesting paper upon the German drama, 'Oberammergau.' As Miss Barlow witnessed the last presentation of this sacred drama, she was able to convey to her listeners personal impressions of the drama and those who took part in this great performance.

A number of beautiful photographs added

greatly to the interest of the paper.

Appropriate responses to roll call were given after a very interesting discussion of the subject. members then adjourned to the ve-

randa, where, under the shade of a beautiful locust tree, Mrs. E. B. Chase entertained the club by recitations in her inimitable manner, after which the members strolled over the beautiful grounds, until called into the dining room for refreshments. Laden with flowers and delighted with

their afternoon outing, the 5 o'clock car was taken for the city, and one of the most delightful meetings of the season was at an

death At the installation of officers of the Lorpaine Pleasure Club, held recently at the home of Miss P. Chappel, Mr. S. Garner was re-elected president. F. Garner vice president, P. Chappel was re-elected financial secretary, and M. McDermott recording secretary. After transacting the business of the club, the evening was enjoyed by games, music and singing. Refreshments were served in the dining room, after which each member received a souvenir tied with the colors of the club, which was a compliment of the male members. Among those present were Misses M. Jarboe, P. Lacey, M. McDermott, E. Jarboe, E. Chappel, N. McDermott, P. Chappel, B. Jarboe and G. Chappel, and Messrs. J. Brahler, F. Garner, L. Garner, H. Leach, R. Cook, A. Spittell, W. Garner, J. Monahan, I. McCarter and Mrs. Chappel and son Elmer, also Mr. and Mrs. Frand and little daughter Ruby.

The Excelsior Literary Club assembled May 9 in the hospitable home of Mrs. E. A. Chambers, Mrs. Emma Hawkes presiding. After roll call, which was made entertaining by prose and poetical responses, Mrs. Chambers, in a neat little speech, called attention to the fact that the Excelsior is the

picneer of women's clubs in Washington, it being the first one organized here. She then read a poem entitled "What My Lover Said," and a selection from "Hagar," by N. P. Willis.

Mrs. Webb gave a piano solo, "The Star of the Sea." Mrs. Bradley read a history of Buckingham palace and showed a pic-Mrs. Seely gave a sketch of the lives of Sir John Franklin and his wife.

After a social half hour the club adjourn d, to meet next week with Mrs. Norris, at

The Capitol Hill Literary Society met at the residence of Mr. A. H. Frear, 223 8th street northeast, on Monday evening. After the transaction of the routine business the the transaction of the routine business the following program was given: Piane solo, Miss Beatrice Johnston; "The Philosophy of a Simple Life," Mrs. Daisy Wedding Trauty; vocal solo, Miss Grace Thornett; recital, original poems, Mrs. Marlon Walporte; vocal trio, Mrs. M. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frear; violin solo, Miss Louise Mae Farrow; musical medley, Mrs. William Woods; paper, "Government Clerks," Capt. J. E. paper, "Government Clerks," Capt. J. E. Hart, the last-named paper being discussed by Maj. Lawrence, Dr. McKeee, Mr. Bryson and Mr. Murdock. The next and last meeting of the year will be held at the residence of Capt. J. E. Hart, 515 B street northeast, Monday evening, May 22, at which time the report of the committee on year book will be considered and the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

The following named were among those present: Capt. J. E. Hart, Mrs. E. Bauer. Mrs. Curtis Eisinger, Miss H. Eisinger, Mrs. William Trauty, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wal-

AMONG THE CLUBS

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> The Abracadabra Club met with Mrs. Eugene E. Stevens, in Chevy Chase, May 10, Vice President A. S. Perham in the chair. The responses to roll call related to "Mr. Dooley. Mr. A. P. Clark, at the pianola, rendered

> "Polka de Concert." Bartlett.
> "New Housing Conditions" was the title
> of a paper read by Mr. Appleton P. Clark,
> jr. He dwelt at length upon housekeeping
> in flats, as compared with the individual

home.

Mr. Eugene E. Stevens sang "Sunset," by Dudley Buck, accompanied by Mrs. Stevens. The next paper, an original story, was read by Mrs. Eugene E. Stevens, entitled "The Judge and the Jersey." The judge's experience on the farm, after years of city life, at one end of a rope, and the Jersey calf at the other, was not a pleasant one.

The program ended with three selections The program ended with three selections

on the graphophone. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The visitors present were Mrs. William Snell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. J. P. Ramseyer, Miss Campbell, Miss Cornella Campbell and Capt, and Mrs. William A. Mc-Nulty.

NEW B. & O. BUILDING

SPLENDID STRUCTURE TO BE ERECTED IN BALTIMORE.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has just started the erection of a magnificent general office building on one of the most prominent street corners in Baltimore. It will be the handsomest and finest building of its character and size in the country, also constructed of the best material and cost over \$1,500,000. It is to take the place of the central office building that was destroyed in the fire of February 7 and 8, 1904, which swept over the central part of the business section of the city and caused a loss of about \$50,000,000.

This new office building will be thirteen stories high, front on Baltimore street 159 feet and 144 feet on Charles street, being entirely separate from other buildings in order to supply the most air and light to the various offices.

The Wells Brothers Company of Baltimore and New York have the contract and expect to have the building ready for occupancy about August 1, 1906.

The selection of the design and arranging for the construction of the building were in charge of a committee of officials of the company consisting of President Oscar G. Murray, First Vice President George F. Randolph, Second Vice President Hugh L. Bond, jr., Third Vice President George L. Potter and Chief Engineer D. D. Carothers. times in Washington, relating scenes and incidents of thrilling interest and recalling the assistance of Prof. William B. Ware, a United States government and a United States government and the August Engineer D. D. Carothers. a United States government expert on architecture.

Chief Engineer Carothers has closely followed every detail, and in every instance only recommended the selecting of the best material wherever to be used. He will su-

pervise the work of construction.

It will be the most imposing and expenhear Jenny Lind only to find access intro-sible. Learning through her manager of the grief of the lads the famous singer sent and it will stand out prominently as a huge sive railroad office building in this country, monument to the development and improvements that have been taking place since the big fire.

The plan of the building is in the form of an "H," with the long side on Baltimore street and Strange alley, while one opening is on Charles street and the other toward the party wall in the rear. This scheme for the plan gives a maximum amount of light and air to the interior of the building, and is so arranged as to furnish the largest possible amount of window space for the interior offices.

The building will be of the best fireproof construction, and including everything that is most modern. The lessons drawn from the great fire have helped to suggest the pest methods in this construction. The first three stories will be of fine granite and the remaining stories of Indiana limestone. The architect's drawings show a most dignified

The massive first story with its high arched windows gives a proper idea of the large rotunda and entrance to the build-ing above. The Charles street entrance has been treated in the elevation somewhat more prominently than the entrance on Baltimore street. This was natural, because the large court space opens from Charles street, and the opportunity for a magnificent doorway is obvious. Above the center of the archway to this entrance allowerical figures are to be carved on either legorical figures are to be carved on either side of a globe, and on either side of the arch bronze lamps will be placed, carefully designed to add to the general appearance of the entrance.

of the entrance.

The corner of the four wings will be cut off, or chambered, which will not only add to the attractiveness of the offices above, but will serve well for the doorways below. These minor doorways will open into the city ticket office, commercial freight agent's office, etc., giving service to the public without the necessity of passing through the interior corridors.

The first floor is to be quite monumental in character, the lower surface being Pavanazzo white marble. One passage from Charles street will lead into the main corridor, directly in front of which will be eight main elevators, while to the left will be the entrance from Baltimore street. Marble stairs, that will also be of a monumental character, will lead to the second

The second floor will be principally occupied by the fourth vice president and treasurer, assistant treasurer, and what might be called the bank of the building. These offices will have a fine position on the Baltimore street front and will be fitted up with everything that would be required in a modern banking house. The other side of this floor will be occupied by the relief department, special claims department, superintendent of police, ticket supply clerk

President Murray will occupy a portion of the third floor. His private office will be a large room with plenty of air and light, and be directly on the corner of Baltimore and Charles attacks. timore and Charles streets. Second Vice President Bond will occupy the wing of the building on this floor.

convenience of the officers on this floor have been carefully planned. Besides his private office and a large business office, the president will have a smaller room and a dining room and bath room. These rooms will give fine accommodations for the assistant to the president. to the president, Mr. Geo. M. Shriver; the president's secretary, Mr. E. A. Walton, and the balance of the president's staff. This suite of offices will also connect with the directors' room which will leave the staff. directors' room, which will look out upon the large court on Charles street. The sec-

the large court on Charles street. The second vice president will also have a private room with bath room, and near him will be the law offices and library, with the necessary room for clerks and with large vaults for the files and records.

A private elevator on the Baltimore street side will be especially arranged for the convenience of the officers of the rallroad.

The fourth floor will also have an excellent arrangement, and the principal suite of rooms will be occupied by the first vice president, Mr. Geo. F. Randolph. The offices of the manager of passenger traffic and the manager of freight traffic will also be on this floor. The other floors will be be on this floor. The other floors will be very much similar in their arrangement. The wood work in all offices is to be of

mahogany, and the walls will be plaster painted. Since the great fire the officers of the company have given a great deal of time and study to this undertaking. The committee in charge thought it would be advisable to in charge thought it would be advisable to have a competition among well-known architects to secure a satisfactory design. Competitive designs were submitted early in the winter by twenty-four architectural firms of this and other cities. Six of these were especially invited and received compensations for their designs. The successful architects, Messrs. Parker & Thomas and H. B. Hale & Morse of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, were among those invited.

ATLANT C CITY NEWS

LARGE CROWD OIF VISITORS NOW AT CITY BY THE SEA.

New Hotels and Projects Inviting

Business Attention-Recent Arrivals.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 13, 1905. Weather that was as near perfection as May can, with any safety, be depended upon to produce, favored the past week

throngs of shore visitors, whose numbers effectively demonstrate the fact that Atlantic City's spring season did not close with the Easter festival. Multitudes of happy visitors daily promenade the boardwalk in all the glory of bright raiment that ecalled the brilliant showing of the Easter Sunday parade. Pavilions were filled to the imit and the ocean piers were meccas for many parties who surveyed the passing pro-oession. Bathers of both sexes in greater numbers than in any preceding week since cold weather flocked to the beach and gave

newcomers the impression that the bathing season had actually been inaugurated. The new fireproof front of Galen Hall, at Pacific and Connecticut avenues, looms up so advantageously that it is easily one of the most noticeable of fine structures in the upper section of the city. The new building, which is a model of hotel archi-tecture and equipment, will represent an outlay of over \$175,000. When completed it will give Atlantic City one of the fines sanitarium hotels in the country. It will be ready for occupancy about July 1. A tennis court for the use of guests will be

among the new features.

Francis E. Davis of New York will this year conduct the Anchorage, a well-known

Virginia avenue hotel. George H. Coryell, formerly proprietor of the Bleak House, has leased Green's Hotel, on the Boardwalk at Ocean avenue. This house is unrivaled in location, being located directly on the Boardwalk with an unobstructed ocean view. It is built of brick and is fireproof in construction. Its flemish cafe and private baths are special features. The Gadsby House, at Connecticut avenue and the beach, has been opened for the season by Proprietor J. W. Gadsby. It is a family hotel, and is provided with all the comforts of a home.

The Hotel Yarmouth, in Chelsea, is un-

dergoing its customary renovation in anticipation of opening about June 1. Bookings are in advance of any other preceding season, and the Yarmouth is counting upon a big summer's business. Returning patrons find La Belle Inn one of the best known South Carolina avenue hostelries, more attractive than ever. The

hotel has a large and rapidly growing cli-entele, and under the management of Proprietor J. Youngblood it is assured of a successful season. The Layton is delightfully located on South Carolina avenue near the beach, and

this season will be under the management of Mrs. William Ake, who is an experienced manager. The house has undergone a thorough renovation and has been greatly improved and beautified. Arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates to the annual convention here next month of the National Hotel Men's

Association are rapidly taking shape. There will be an elaborate round of entertainment by the local hotel men from the minute the visitors arrive until they depart. The annual dinner will be held at the Rudolf, annual dinner will be held at the Rudolf, and while that is going on there on the evening of June 6, a banquet especially for the ladies will be given at the Islesworth. A luncheon will also be tendered the visitors at the Hotel Chelsea, and the stately Chalfonte is to be the convention headquarters. Another enjoyable feature will be a day at the Atlantic City Yacht Clubhous The courtesies of the palatial building and a fleet of private yachts will be placed at the disposal of the visitors. Another unique entertainment will be a banquet in the ball room of the Royal Palace Hotel by Proprietor C. D. Prettyman, called "A Night in the Kitchen," which will consist will be installed in full view of the guests where the viands will be prepared. On the one side of the big room a row of tables will be waited upon by sprucely dressed young women, and the tables opposite will be attended by waiters of the opposite sex, the object being to ascertain which make the best waiters for hotel service, men or

The Roxborough is admirably located or South Carolina avenue near the beach and Proprietor P. D. Phisterer is looking forward to the most successful season under his management.

Mayor Stoy and the committee in charge have decided to hold the annual floral parade on the Boardwalk on June 7, the week during which the annual convention of the National Hotel Men's Association will be held here. It is expected that at least several hundred gayly decorated rolling chairs and floats will be in line on the famous Boardwalk upon that occasion. It is the intention of the committee to make this parade a veritable mardi gras, so that in the near future it will rival the big affair in the south. Miss Sherrick has been appointed secretary of the committee, and a large

by citizens and hotel men.

Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y. formerly president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, spent the past week at the Brighton with Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Fryer.

Ashley M. Gould, associate justice of the

supreme court, District of Columbia, has partments at the Dunlop.
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whitney are passing their honeymoon at a prominent beach front hotel. Mr. Whitney is a millionaire seventy years old, of Montreal, and his bride, who was Miss Annie Bennett, a former New York telephone operator, is twenty-three. They were recently married in Brooklyn. The Right Rev. O. W. Whittaker, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, is passing his annual vacation here. He is a guest at Galen Hall, where he celebrated his

seventy-fifth birthday anniversary during George Alfred Townsend, the veteran author and litterateur, is a guest at Spencer Former United States Senator McComas

of Maryland spent the week at Marlborough House. The following residents of Washington are registered at leading Atlantic City hotels: Traymore—Miss Grandin, Miss A. Gran-

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Rio Grande—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seary,
Mrs. H. R. Waidner, Miss Elsie McNeil,
Miss Madeline Flynn, Miss Minnie Fleming,
John Martin, Claud Garrison, Johnson

Chalfonte-Mr. J. F. Carpenter, Master H T. R. Carpenter, Master J. F. Carpenter, Miss Rosela Daily, Mrs. Caroline E. Chase,

Seaside House-Mrs. M. Walker, Mrs. F. M. Baker, F. M. Baker, J. Newton.
Braxton-Mrs. W. T. Narion.
Haddon Hall-Mrs. Robert T. Petzold, Mr.
and Mrs. James L. Thompson, Miss Summers, W. B. Mathews and wife.

La Fontaine-Mrs. H. M. Havemire, E. M. Havemire. Morton-Miss P. Kelp, Mrs. A. D. Kimmer Mrs. A. V. Blackman, E. H. Goodwin, Miss B. L. Goodwin, Miss V. P. Goodwin. Kingston-M. Sumerville.

Rudolf—N. Wallerston.
Strand—M. L. Mullard.
Iroquois—J. E. Buckley, Col. D. M. Taylor, Mrs. D. M. Taylor, Miss Taylor.
Glendale—Miss Gillens, Miss Layton, Miss N. Burns, Miss S. F. Steyer. Wiltshire-W. B. Shaw, Mrs. F. J. Ackel

Mrs. C. Malcolm, Miss Grace Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cornwell, Mr. A. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Dudley, J. B. Blass, Mrs. L. S. Fister, T. J. Acker, H. K. Acker, Mrs. M. C. Tricorn, Marion Tricorn, G. G.

Chester Inn-Mrs. R. E. Dore, Miss Dore. Malatesta's-Mr. Notes and son. Netherland F. B. Williams. Westminster-Miss H. M. Eskin, Miss C. McKnight.
Sothern-E. S. Watson.
DeVille-A. M. Buck, W. T. Droun, B. W.
Melbourne, W. Flint.
Grand Atlantic-H. T. Snyder, D. H. Pet-

Elwood-Mrs. M. G. Fricon, Miss Fricon. Penhurst—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pierce, J. P. Paulding, Miss M. P. Hollingsworth. Boscobel—C. P. Bunsall and wife. Touraine—Mrs. W. B. Blanchard, Miss C. Kibler, Miss M. F. Flower, William E. Rog-

ers.
Dennis—E. C. Foster, Mrs. Deveraux
Green, Miss Bessie Hopkins, Mrs. M. C.
McCorkie, Miss Josephine Rogers, Anna
Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Minster, Miss M. Pierrepont-Miss W. Ruxenstein, Mrs. A.

Fredonia—Philip May, Frank McEntee, E. M. Evans, A. K. Evans.
St. Charles—Mrs. Charles S. Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Day.
Jackson—Mrs. Mary H. Hadgan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walters, Mrs. Isador Grosner and daughter.

Mrs. W. H.
and daughter.
Revere-Miss A. L. Poster, J. Peterson,
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Butler.
Aquarille-J. B. Beck.
Borton-F. Ruhi, Miss M. Ruhi.
Chetwoode-W. B. Culverwell and daugh-Avoca-Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Turnbull.

Altamont—B. G. Smith, Mrs. W. R. Kenedy, Miss Margaret J. Thompson.

Dunlop—A. M. Gould, Mrs. E. W. Brewster, Miss Coleman. ster, Miss Coleman.

Abbey-G. W. Sommerville, G. M. Emery,
F. W. Reynolds, A. W. Hood, E. W. Hill,

E. M. Eaton, H. Owens. Earl Mar Hall-Miss Anna Darby. Loxley Hall-M. E. Armstead. Scarborough-J. R. Hammond. Sterling-G. Y. Worthington, J. Lutz, A.

Berkshire Inn-Mrs. E. N. Dunn, Miss D.

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Acme-Mrs. H. Crawford, Mr, and Mrs. W. R. Hill, Mrs. J. V. Triddy, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eskey, S. H. Atha.
Loraine-Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Kaufman.
Holmhurst-Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nugent.
Belmont-Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Broomfield,
D. F. Broomfield, M. Broomfield, A. B.
Payne, J. F. Nesbit.
Raleigh-Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hoskins, Mrs.
T. E. Allen.
Royal Palace-S. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. J.

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Arlington—E. C. Little, J. C. Shields.
Ethelyn—A. J. Dunn, M. J. Dunn.
Hobart—G. H. Evans.
Muncaster—A. M. Core, V. Williams

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Expected Here Today

A bunch of new babies is due here today. These babies are not to be put in any foundlings' home, because each one is accompanied by its mamma, who would make things exceedingly interesting for anybody who approached her darling child.

These are sweet and good babies. They do not cry at night, and they do not eat the paint off their dolls. One reason for this most exemplary conduct is that they have no dolls, and instead of crying at night they howl or shriek or trumpet, as the case may be, and the flat dweller who resided in the same building with them would rather have a whole half orphan asylum turned loose under his window than a single one of these infants. These bables are junior members of Ringling Bros.' cir-cus. The list of babies includes an ele-phant, several lion cubs, tiger triplets, a quaintly hopping kangaroo, tight-eyed black panthers and a weak-kneed, double-

hump camel.

The baby elephant was born in Baraboo, Wis., and has been petted and catered to until it is as vain as a popular young actor. Last week she was caught smoking a cigar-ette by her mother Alice, a prim dame almost tall enough to shut out the sun and with age ear-marks of half a century. An elephant named Fanchon, a frisky young thing, with thin legs and lampblack eyes, got Baby Boo into the cigarette trouble. Fanchon spent a winter in Paris, on her way to America, and it was there she acquired the cigarette habit of Bohemian life.

The baby camel looks like a lamb of the same kind the famous Mary used to own. It is a double-hump camel, but being young and tender, it couldn't be expected to hump itself much yet.

The two groups of little lions have had a better fate than befell some of their kind born in Ringling Bros, winter quarters a year ago. It is the custom not to feed the cat animals any meat on Sunday. The first Sunday after the other little lions were born no meat was given their mother, and the next day the care taker found that the mother lion had killed and commenced to eat her little one. Since this experience the new mother lion is given as much meat as she wants every day in the week and two helpings on Sunday. The mamma kan-garoo is having a lot of trouble teaching her babies to do the kangaroo walk in the proper manner. The baby is anxious to learn, hawever, and waddles in as close imitation of her fashionable mamma as her young legs will let her.

"The baby tiger is like a baby human; it is on the go most of the time, and now and then nature steps in and makes it sleep." The speaker has spent the cream of his life in the study and care of wild animals. "I have in my charge now." continued Mr. Souder, "three tiger kittens that look as if they would live to accept the theory that their kind cannot be raised in captivity.

They are like purring kittens when fondled and made anything of, and the mother, an unusually high-strung creature, does not seem to worry over these attentions. The tigress is a suspicious creature by nature and apt to fly off suddenly. When babies come to her she is worse than ever, and it is just as well to keep out of reach, even though she keeps still and doesn't snarl. The reason she does the unnatural thing of eating her little ones is because of the fear that they may be taken away from her while still helpiess. She is much more fond of her bables than the lioness and worries enough to shift for themselves the mother becomes indifferent. She acts as if she felt she had done her whole duty in protecting them until they got big and knowing enough to fight for themselves. The tigress is more sensitive in every way. When her babies get big enough to play she is a picture of good feeling, but if they get out of her sight or hearing she becomes wildly anxious and nothing will soothe her until the little ones are snuggled up under her motherly wing. The youngsters in the wild animal nursery of Ringling Bros.' menagerie are my special pride and care. It is a comfort to me to see than sleep soundly and often. It is the same to see them romp and wrestle and fool and play, a good deal of the time every day. When a boy or girl bubbles over with the spirit of play it doesn't take a doctor to spell that he is sound and growing. You can read the health of a wild animal in the same way."

Great San Pedro Breakwater. From the Search-Light.

On the coast of southern California, about 600 miles south of San Francisco, lies the port of San Pedro-a port, that is, when the weather happens to be good. For five years past the United States government has been engaged on a stupendous piece of work, whose purpose is to make San Pedro a safe and capacious harbor refuge. To effect this and afford secure anchorage for vessels of all sizes, the inner harbor needed to be dredged and an outer harbor constructed. The latter is being done by the building of an immense breakwater, second to none in size, a huge wall of rock 64 feet high, 190 feet wide at base and 20 feet on top, and extending two-thirds of a mile into the

This work, begun in 1900, is now well under way. During the past year 1,600,000 tons of stone were laid, rough stone being used for the bottom and well smoothed ones used for the bottom and well smoothed ones for the top, laid in regular courses, but without mortar, the purpose being to give it a well-finished look. A double-track trestle extends outward, built on piles and 11,000 feet long. On this is a railroad, extending inward to the quarries, where 2,000 tons of stone are shipped daily.

There are great cranes along the trestle, which seize the blocks of granite—those of the superstructure weighing eight to ten tons—and lower them to their allotted places. The completion of this work, which will cost about \$5,000,000, will give San Pedro, and indirectly Los Angeles, a harbor of refuge of over one mile square, and deep enough for the largest vessels.

rom the National Magazine.

In industry as in war the revolutions are wrought, the great battles fought, by the young men. Scores of thousands of the soldiers in the northern armies during the civil war were less than twenty years of age when they entered the service. It is safe to say that a majority of the voters who supported Judge Dunne in Chicago last month—when that city elected him mayor with a mandate to take over the street rallways and operate them for the public benefit—were under thirty years of process, where screens of different colors are used with three different plates, each

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OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS McCleary said: 'Mr. Dutton, the Senate has placed

\$10,000 in the District bill for metal cases, superintend the improvements and the exshelv:ng and racks for this office and I have come to see what necessity, if any, there is for such an appropriation." Mr. Dutton assured his visitor that he would not only be delighted to show him through the office, but that if the representative was not convinced, after a personal inspection, that there was an imperative necessity for the improvements contemwilling to have the item stricken from the bill, the measure then being in conference. The office, as Representative McCleary saw it that day, was a dark, ill-lighted one, filled with dingy wooden shelves and cases, with antiquated furniture and occupied to practically every foot of its limited dimen-sions. Mr. McCleary saw the records of the office, running back for more than 100 years, practically unprotected against mice and other destructive agencies, and absolutely unprotected against destruction by fire. He learned that these records represented the title of not only the citizens of the District to real and personal property, but as well the title in many instances of the United States and of the District of Columbia to real estate. The inspection over, Mr. McCleary frankly stated that he had been convinced and promised that the angelian convinced convinced and promised that the angelian convinced been convinced and promised that the ap-propriation would have his support. At that time there was a proposition to remove the office of the recorder of deeds from the city hall to the new municipal building, and Mr. McCleary not only successfully opposed that, but also induced the House to agree In these four rooms the floor and win-dow frames and doors are the sole pieces to the Senates proposition to provide for the improvements in the office requested by Recorder Dancy. As the result of his advocacy of the Senates amendment to the then pending District appropriation bill the office of the recorder of deeds of the Dis-

The office of the recorder of deeds occuples the rooms on either side of the western basement corridor of the city hall, and the rooms on the northern basement corridor running east and west for about half way between the western and eastern walls of the building. When Recorder Dancy asked Congress to make the appropriation referred to, little more than a year ago, the records of the office numbered about between 3,100 and 3,200 volumes, and every foot of space in the office was occupied. Owing to the crowded condition of the city hall, the recorder could secure no additional rooms, and he and his deputy were at a loss where to place the next comat a loss where to place the next completed records. Correspondence with metal construction companies was commenced and estimates obtained from them which made it evident that the improvements desired could be effected by an appropriation of not more than \$10,000. Plans were drawn which showed that the capacity of the office for storing its records would be more than doubled. The improvements have now been completed, and it is stated that a small part of the amount appropriated remains unexpended, while the office today has a capacity for 6,500 volumes of records. More than that, it has a capacity for storing misthan that, it has a capacity for storing miscellaneous papers, uncalled for deeds and certificates of incorporation for five or ten

trict is today a modernly equipped one, and the records therein are now stored in

handsome steel cases and practically safe against fire and other destructive agencies.

From the Search-Light. the eclipse of the sun on August 30 next is to apply color photography to the observation so that a record can be made of the

penditure therefor. Deputy Recorder Dut-ton, at the request of the recorder, ex-plained to Mr. Woods the requirements of the office as to the character and extent of the improvements and the suggestions of Mr. Dutton were embodied in plans prepared under Mr. Woods' supervision. These plans provided for steel cases for the volumes in which the recorded instruments since the inauguration of the office, more than 100 years ago, have been copied; steel file cases for the unclaimed deeds and other instruments relating to real and personal property; steel cases for the office stationery and other supplies; steel shelving and other conveniences for the clerks and copy-

The cases for the record books were placed against the walls of the three rooms running eastward from the main office, and aisles were made of them in the last two rooms. In the room on the east, next to the main office, cases were also provided for the indices, these cases being provided with roller shelves. In these cases the volumes lie on their sides, while the volumes con-taining the recorded instruments are placed standing to secure the required economy of space. The file cases, containing the claimed and current recorded instruments and those for the miscellaneous papers of the office, are erected in the main office

of woodwork now remaining, for even the desks and tables are now of metal, and recently, after making a very thorough inspection of the office, Chief Belt of the redepartment expressed the opinion that he office is now practically fireproof. "It would," said the chief, "be practically impossible to destroy these records by fire, protected as they now are In fort I he protected as they now are. In fact, I be-lieve that it would take a fire of sufficient magnitude to destroy the whole building to destroy the records of this office. The wooden floors, however, should be replaced by floors of concrete construction, and a steel door should replace the wooden between the office and the file room of the clerk's office of the District Supreme Court; for this file room is a serious menace to the whole building, and should a fire start in it now, filled as it is with papers and wooden shelving, the total destruction of the room and its contents could not be prevented unless the fire department reached the scene in the first minute or two. The re-corder's office I regard as one of the best protected I have seen, and, as I have said, I consider its records now practically safe rom fire."
The cases in which are now placed the

volumes of recorded instruments are of steel. They reach within a foot or two of the ceiling and are about eighteen inches deep. The only opening is in front, closed after office hours by sliding steel curtains, which lock automatically, the upper half of these curtains rolling upward and the lower half downward. The steel construction of these cases not only protects the tion of these cases not only protects the records against fire, but also prevents mice from attacking them. They are also nearly dustproof. The file cases in which are placed the unclaimed recorded instruments and the miscellaneous papers of the office are as tightly closed, and are locked in sections by a simple locking device. Sliding draw-ers are provided for all the cases, and the years to come.

At the request of Recorder Dancy and his deputy, Mr. Dutton, the Senate committee on appropriations, in amending the District appropriation bill for the purpose of providing the desired improvements, expressly provided that Mr. Elliott Woods, the superintendent of the Capitol, should index and other clerks, to-gether with the deputy recordhandsome grilled steel frome-work, the desk tops being of oak, the only woodwork in the construction. The remaining portion of the main office is occupied by the representa-

tives of the various title insur-ance companies, a handsome table of steel, topped with oak, being provided for them, and another table of like construc-tion for the general public. When Mr. Elliott Woods was placed in charge of the work of invitalling these imwork of installing these improvements he became thoroughly interested in the office, and, with the energy and thoroughness characteristic of him, Mr. Woods determined that the whole office should be placed in a condition fully in keeping with the improvements for which appropriation had been made. The city hall being in his charge, Mr. Woods directed that his force of carpenters and painters should give the recorder's office the benefit of their best efforts, and also directed Mr. C. P. Gliem, the chief electrical engineer

of the Capitol, to rearrange the electric lighting system of the office. Mr. Woods' directions were carefully caried out, with the result that the recorder of deeds' office has been transformed from a dark, overcrowded place to one of light, and, considering the limited dimensions of the office, one of ample space. The walls are of a light lemon shade and the cellings of white, the combination lighting up the office, the olive coloring of the steel cases pleasantly harmonizing.
The effect of these improvements is best illustrated by the effect they produced on a well-known resident of Washington

room of the recorder's office with a deed he wished to record, he looked about him in a bewildered sort of way, and then turned to leave. At the door he met a friend, a member of the bar. "Look here," said the citizen, a man who has visited the office hundreds of times, "where in the thunder is the recorder of deeds' office?" Being in-formed that he was in that very place, he remarked: "Well, if any one had told me I would live to see the District of Columbia provided with such a record office I would not have believed it." Then, after having his deed recorded, he walked into the private offices of Recorder Dancy and Deputy Recorder Dutton and heartily con-gratulated them, saying: "You deserve the gratitude of every citizen of the District for the improvements you have secured, and if neither of you does anything more your ad-ministration will be ever memorable for the greatest improvement ever effected in this

office."
The improvements made in the recorder of deeds' office have been most favorably commented upon by all that have seen them, and several days ago Justices Bar-nard, Anderson and Wright of the District Supreme Court made a personal inspection of the office. So well pleased were they with what they saw that they remarked that the office is a model for all others in the city hall. As a result of this visit it is understood that the District Supreme Court will at the coming session of Con-gress make an earnest effort to secure an appropriation for improving in a like man-ner all the offices under the control of that

The first instrument recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds was the appointment of John Mackall Gantt as "clerk for recording deeds of lands within the territory of Columbia." This paper was filed and recorded January 5, 1792, and was copied in what is known as Liber A (the first) of the land records of the District. Although written 113 years ago, the writing is still plainly legible, although the ancient book, like many of the early record books of the office, shows the sad havor played by age. Indeed, many of these early record books are in such bad condition, their pages being torn and worn so that parts of them are missing, that it is the intention of Recorder Dancy to invite the attention of Recorder Dancy to invite the attention of Congress to the matter, with the recom-mendation that he be authorized to have them recopied and the originals retired to

screen cutting off light of various colors, so | phragm or stop for each lens, so that the that when positives from the three plates are made and used with light of a color picture has the colors of the original. For the eclipse photographs a camera with three lenses and three screens will probably be employed, as it is necessary that the exposures shall be made simultaneously. As the plates are sensitive to the different colors in different degrees

the different colors in different degrees

same time of exposure will suffice for all. The color phenomena of a total eclipse of the sun are considered most beautiful, and great interest attaches to this method of reproducing them.

"What do you mean by talking about coppers' before me?" said a London magistrate to a man in the dock. "It is a gross impertinence to refer to the police as cop-